



### Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

We will try to provide you with a monthly newsletter each month to keep you updated on our classroom activities. We will also be updating our calendar on our classroom webpage, as well as sending out Remind messages with important information. If you have not signed up for Remind messages and would like to do so, directions are on our webpage or we can send a copy of the directions home with your student.



### Morning Snack

Students will be allowed to eat a small healthy snack around 9:00 each morning, if they choose to bring one in. A classroom snack will not be provided.

### Specials

Our weekly specials schedule is as follows:

Mondays	<u>Garrison</u> -Art	<u>Olson</u> -Music
Tuesdays	<u>Garrison</u> -Library	<u>Olson</u> -Art
Wednesdays	<u>Garrison</u> -Music	<u>Olson</u> -Library
Thursdays	<u>Garrison</u> -Art	<u>Olson</u> -Music
Fridays	<u>Garrison</u> -Music	<u>Olson</u> -Art
Gym	~ Everyday (both classes)	

*Please remember sneakers are required for every day.*



### Purple Folders

Your student will be using a Purple Folder again this year. Please help your student to remember to go through and empty their folders each night with you. Purple folders should be returned to school each day.

### Class Dojo

We will be using an online based classroom management system. This is a point based system, where students can have points added or subtracted based on behaviors, actions, effort, etc. More information will be coming home separately.

### Remind

We will be using a website called Remind.com to send periodic alerts via text message or email. The alerts could range from homework assignments to classroom information. We will try not to send more than one alert a day and possibly not every day. If you sign up for the texting option, please note texting rates apply if you don't have unlimited texting.

### Birthdays and Treats

Birthdays are a special time and we love to celebrate all occasions with our students. Your student is welcome to bring in a treat to share with the class, however we do ask you to send in a communication at least the day before so we can schedule in our celebration.

## Money Coming into School

Please send all money for the cafeteria in a sealed envelope or baggie with your student's name on it, the purpose of the money, grade 2 and teacher name or last initial. An example of this would be lunch money:

*John Doe-Lunch Money-2-Olson.*

## Parent/Teacher Communications

We believe an open line of communication is very important to your student's success in school. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We have various ways for communication: a note in the purple folder, Remind message, Dojo message, or email. [agarrison@pval.org](mailto:agarrison@pval.org) or [solson@pval.org](mailto:solson@pval.org). You can also call the school (988-3291), however depending on if we have students in the room, we may not be able to talk immediately.

## Classroom Environment

There has been an exciting change taking place in second grade. We will be incorporating flexible seating into our room. This means students will have the option of various spaces to work. Research has shown this helps with focus and work completion.



## Achievement Accolades

We are incorporating this year Achievement Accolades through the year. Achievement Accolades allow your student to showcase their "Proud Moments" in the hallway. This means they will be able to pick an activity they completed that they feel they did their best on and let's their knowledge shine. They will also accumulate achievement badges that can be worn throughout the day and displayed in the hall each evening.



## Open House

Open House will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Please take this opportunity to come into our classroom. We are sure your student will want to show you our room, their spaces and locker. Please remember Open House is not the time for a parent/ teacher conference.

## Closing Remarks

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or comments throughout the year. We look forward to a great year in second grade this year!!

*Mrs. Garrison & Mrs. Olson*

## This Month's Agenda- SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 5 ~ First Day

Monday, September 25 ~ Picture Day

Wednesday, September 27 ~ Elementary Open House

Friday, September 29 ~ Early Release at 11:00